<u>PATENT APPLICATION</u> IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Docket No.: X-15710	

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 & AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action dated 13 September 2007, for which a response is due by 13 December 2007, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Applicants enclose herewith a two month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). Any fees associated with this response may be charged to Eli Lilly Account No. 05-0840.

Applicants request amendment of the claims prior to any further action on the merits.